

New to Hunting?

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is dedicated to introducing people to the American tradition of hunting by offering a wide variety of hunting and shooting programs. These programs are designed to get you in the field with a parent, guardian, or mentor who can focus and provide guidance needed to teach the next generation of hunters how to be safe, responsible stewards and ethical conservationists.

To provide plenty of opportunities, Game and Fish is partnering with sportsmen's groups, gun clubs, and conservation organizations to host mentored events and camps for beginners to assure a positive experience hunting in the great outdoors. Below is a listing of some of the upcoming events.

Visit www.azgfd.gov/outdoorskills for more information.



MAY

May 18-19: 3D in the Pines

- 45 target 3D course, with novelties, and a dedicated kids and beginners' course, some beginning equipment available.
- Location: Flagstaff area, Willard Springs; exit on I-17, 12 miles south of Flagstaff
- Hosted by: Flagstaff Archers
- Register: Martin Martin, (928) 853-2298, www.flagstaffarchers.com, flagarchers@yahoo.com

JUNE

June 15: NWTF Huachuca Gould's J.A.K.E.S. Day

- Youth ages 8-17 learn the beginning skills of target shooting, how to call and hunt wild turkeys, and wildlife conservation. Lunch and free JAKES membership included.
- Location: Fort Huachuca, Sportsman's Center
- Hosted by: Huachuca Gould's Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation
- Register: Wayne Kaiser, (520) 678-9827, lmkwak@cox.net, or www.nwtfhuagoulds.org

June 17-18 & 19-20: Junior Archery Day Camp

- 2-day co-ed archery camp for kids ages 8-18. Introduction to recreational and competitive archery in an indoor environment from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Equipment is provided (2 classes available).
- Location: Tempe, CAASES/Shoot Right Education & Training Center
- Hosted by: Shoot Right
- Register: Rob Potter, (602) 288-5324, info@shootrightaz.org, \$50 fee/donation

June 22-23: Flagstaff Archers Max Hamilton Shoot

- 45 target 3D course, with novelties, and a dedicated kids and beginners course, some beginning equipment available.

- Location: Flagstaff area, Willard Springs; exit on I-17, 12 miles south of Flagstaff
- Hosted by: Flagstaff Archers
- Register: Martin Martin, (928) 853-2298, www.flagstaffarchers.com, flagarchers@yahoo.com

June 26-29: Air Rifle Camp

- 4-day co-ed shooting camp for those with some shooting experience ages 7-18. Training on marksmanship on air rifles in an indoor environment. Equipment is provided.
- Location: Tempe, CAASES/Shoot Right Education & Training Center
- Hosted by: Shoot Right
- Register: Rob Potter, (602) 288-5324, info@shootrightaz.org, \$125 fee/donation

June 29: Stan Greer Memorial Shoot 'N' Shindig

- Family event for youth to learn about target shooting with a scoped .22 rifle, 3D archery, bb guns. Rifles, ammunition, safety glasses, hearing protection, and a pot luck lunch provided; raffles and prizes.
- Location: Sierra Vista, Sierra Vista Shooting Range
- Hosted by: Huachuca White-Tail Club
- Register by June 21: Tom Green, (520) 255-1652, tmgreen_1@hotmail.com; Chris Sterner, (520) 227-2140, sterner12345@msn.com

JULY

July 19-21: Bowhunter Happening

- Eight fun courses plus novelties, unlimited shooting, door prizes and raffles. Lots of vendors will be on site. Fun for all ages.
- Location: Mormon Lake
- Hosted by: Arizona Bowhunters Association
- Register: www.arizonabowhunters.org

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6-8: Becoming an Outdoors Woman

- For women (18+) to learn about hunting, gun safety, fishing, camping, Dutch-oven cooking, map and compass reading, and more.
- Location: Prescott, Friendly Pines Camp
- Hosted by: Arizona Wildlife Federation
- Register: www.azwildlife.org, \$250 fee

Sept. 7-8: Robbins Butte Junior's Dove Hunt

- Dove hunting just for kids at a Game and Fish wildlife area managed for migratory birds, breakfast provided.
- Location: Buckeye, Robbins Butte Wildlife Area
- Hosted by: Game and Fish, Chandler Rod and Gun Club
- Information: www.azgfd.gov/dove

Sept. 12 and 14: CJ Biller Memorial Beginner's Dove Hunt and Training

- Classroom instruction on Thursday about hunting doves, shotgun instruction, firearm safety, and clay target shooting, followed by a real dove hunt on Saturday.
- Location: Mesa, Utery Mountain Shooting Range, Game and Fish Mesa office
- Hosted by: Game and Fish, Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Arizona Outdoor Sports
- Register: Dave Carson, dcarson@azgfd.gov

Sept. 21-22: Trapper's Fall Rendezvous in the Pines

- See how trappers lived in 1850, trapping demonstrations, predator calling, fur sale preparation, certified trappers course taught, food, lots of camping space, family event.
- Location: Payson
- Hosted by: Southwest Fur Harvesters

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- Information: www.southwestfurharvesters.com, Scott Corporon (623) 695-5887

OCTOBER

Oct. 4-6: Unit 1 Squirrel Camp

- Learn about hunting tree squirrels for beginners, other outdoor skills activities, food provided.
- Location: Pinetop/Lakeside, Los Burros Campground, Unit 1
- Hosted by: Game and Fish, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Arizona Elk Society
- Register: Game and Fish Pinetop office, (928) 367-4281

Oct. 4-5: Outdoors Skill Camp

- Learn how to camp, fish, hunt, and discover nature and wildlife, limited to 50 participants.
- Location: Payson area, Sharp Creek Campground
- Hosted by: Game and Fish, Red Bear Outfitters, Safari Club International, Mogollon Sportsmen Association
- Register: Henry Apfel (480) 639-9994, hapfel@azgfd.gov

Oct. 10-13: RMEF 6A Junior Elk Hunter Information Camp

- Thursday (at 4:30 p.m.) activities include a seminar on elk, hunting tips, game care, a rifle, and dinner. Snacks, drinks and guidance offered Friday-Sunday at 11 a.m.
- Location: Mormon Lake, St. Joseph's Youth Camp, Unit 6A
- Hosted by: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Information: Clair Harris, clair-linda@q.com

Oct. 10-13: AES 6A Juniors Elk Hunter's Camp

- Thursday offers free dinner, tips on finding elk, meat care, safety, prizes and more. Support for game locating, retrieval and more offered throughout the weekend.
- Location: Happy Jack Lodge, Unit 6A

Interested, but not ready to go hunting yet?

Don't worry, we still want you to come on out and see what the outdoor experience is all about. Hunting is just one portion of these events. Many of these camps are also open to people wishing to learn more about wildlife biology, ecology and its habits; target shooting; archery; wildlife viewing; camping; camaraderie and more. If you are interested, just contact the camp host and let them know.

- Hosted by: Arizona Elk Society
- Information: www.arizonaelksociety.org, (623) 594-7074

Oct. 10-13: YOU Juniors Elk Camp

- Guidance on hunting elk, camping, other outdoor activities, elk retrieval, field dressing assistance, and food provided.
- Location: White Mountains, Sheep Corral in the Greens Peak area, Units 1 & 2C
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Arizona Elk Society, Game and Fish
- Registration is required at www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

Oct. 11-13: MDF Pumpkin Center Junior Deer Camp

- Deer hunting tips, biology and habits, food, hospitality, drawings, gifts, family welcome.
- Location: Pumpkin Center (Roosevelt Lake area), Unit 22, 23
- Hosted by: Mule Deer Foundation, TheArizonaHunter.com
- Information: Terry Herndon, therndon@muledeer.org, (623) 696-5579

Oct. 10-13: ADA Junior Deer Camp

- Deer hunting information and guidance, biology and habits, food, campfire.
- Location: Cordes Lakes area, Unit 21, 20B
- Hosted by: Arizona Deer Association
- Information: www.azdeer.org, Scott Streich, azace@cox.net

Oct. 10-12: Kaibab Deer Junior's Base Camp

- Kaibab deer hunting information and assistance, biology and habits, some food, campfire.
- Location: North Rim Grand Canyon, Unit 12A, SR22 & FR429
- Hosted by: Buckskin Chapter Arizona Deer Association
- Information: Rich Leightner, releightner@thebigpond.com, (928) 645-9669

Oct. 13: Predator Calling and Shooting Training for Youth

- Firearm safety and basic training for hunting and calling predator species, followed by .22 rifle steel target shooting and lunch.
- Location: S.W. Tucson, Three Points Public Shooting Range
- Hosted by: Southern Arizona Wildlife Callers, Tucson Rifle Club
- Register: Roger Kreitzberg, president@soaz-wildlifecallers.org

Oct. 18-20: Youth Shooting Clinic and Small Game Hunting Camp

- Learn to hunt from experienced hunters, shooting instruction, seminars, camping, food.
- Location: Yuma area
- Hosted by: Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, Southwest Arizona HPC, Game and Fish
- Information: Game and Fish, Chris Bedinger, CBedinger@azgfd.gov



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NOVEMBER

Nov. 7-10: Team Young Gunz Ms. Adventurez Deer Camp

- Ladies, come learn how to successfully hunt Coues white-tailed deer in Southern Arizona from experienced hunters, firearm safety, centralized group camping area. Space is limited.
- Location: SW of Tucson, Units 36A, 36B, 36C
- Hosted by: Team Young Gunz
- Register: Carl Young, carl@teamyounggunz.com

Nov. 9-11: Trapping Education Course & Campout

- Certified trapper's education course focused on using cage traps, followed by hands-on trapping activity, skinning, stretching and fur handling demonstrations, camping available on site, some meals.
- Location: Chino Valley
- Hosted by: Southwest Fur Harvesters
- Register: www.southwestfurharvesters.com, Don (928) 636-0585

Nov. 22-24: Unit 42 Junior Deer Camp

- Assistance from experienced hunters on tips and tactics for hunting deer, other activities, food, and prizes.
- Location: Wickenburg area, Unit 42
- Hosted by: Game and Fish, Mule Deer Foundation
- Information: Craig Heath, cheath@azgfd.gov or (928) 856-0764

Nov. 22-24: YOU Unit 20C Junior Deer Camp

- Assistance from experienced hunters on tips and tactics for hunting deer, other activities, food, and prizes.
- Location: Peebles Valley, Unit 20C
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Game and Fish
- Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

Nov. 22-24: AZSCI Junior's Deer Hunt Camp

- Deer hunting tips and tactics for the area from experienced hunters, centralized group camping area, some food provided.
- Location: SW of Tucson, Units 36A, 36B
- Hosted by: Arizona Chapter of Safari Club International
- Information: Lisa Marie Gandara, (520) 312-8099, azsci@yahoo.com

DECEMBER

Dec. 7-8: Picket Post Small Game Hunting Camp

- Geared toward new and novice hunters. Includes instruction and mentoring on small game hunting (dove, quail, rabbits and

coyotes), and shooting techniques; food and firearms are provided.

- Location: Superior, Picket Post Mtn., Unit 24B
- Hosted by: Red Bear Outfitters, Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Game and Fish, Arizona Outdoor Sports
- Register: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com,

2014 EVENTS

Early January: Pintail Slough Junior Waterfowl Camp

- Introduction to waterfowl hunting for new youth hunters and their families, shotgun shooting and safety; 3D archery; air gun range; fishing and more.
- Location: Lake Havasu National Wildlife Refuge
- Hosted by: Game and Fish, Arizona Outdoor Sports, Lake Havasu NWR
- Register: Luke Apfel, lapfel@azgfd.gov

Jan. 18, 2014: Wickenburg Youth Target Shooting Event

- Bring your kids out to learn how to safely shoot archery, air rifles, .22 rifles, and shotguns.
- Location: Wickenburg Shooting Range
- Hosted by: Wickenburg Sportsmen's Club, Game and Fish
- Information: Craig Heath, cheath@azgfd.gov or (928) 856-0764

Jan. 24-26, 2014: Beginners Small Game & Junior Javelina Camp

- Camp with other hunters and Wildlife Managers to learn tips on where and how to hunt quail and rabbits (all ages), and javelina for youth with 37B tags, some meals provided.
- Location: Florence area, Unit 37B
- Hosted by: Game and Fish, Red Bear Outfitters
- Register: Game and Fish, John McGehee (520) 628-5376

Jan. 24-26, 2014: YOU 20C Juniors Javelina Camp

- Learn to locate and hunt javelina in the area, other outdoor activities, campout, food provided.
- Location: Hillside, Unit: 20C
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited
- Contact: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com

Feb. 13-16, 2014: Women's Javelina HAM Hunt Camp

- This event is just for women who want to learn how to hunt the desert javelina, outdoor skills, centralized group camping, and have fun; food provided.
- Location: S.W. Tucson area, Units 36A, 36B, 36C
- Hosted by: Coueswhitetail.com, Arizona Chapter of Safari Club International
- Register: Amanda Moors (928) 200-0544, Amanda@coueswhitetail.com

Feb. 15-17, 2014: Youth Trappers Camp

- Certified trapper's class for youth 10-17, followed by hands-on practice of wildlife trapping, equipment and supplies provided, primitive camping available onsite, some meals.
- Location: Mayer, Chauncey Ranch
- Hosted by: Southwest Fur Harvesters
- Register: www.southwestfurharvesters.com, Bob Rhoton (928) 532-5776.

March 7-9, 2014: Junior's Jackrabbit Kamp

- Learn to hunt jackrabbits, and other outdoor skills; hunter education required, space is limited to beginners; food provided.
- Location: Tucson area, Three Points
- Hosted by: Arizona Chapter of Safari Club International, Game and Fish
- Register: Karen Klima KKlima@azgfd.gov, (520) 975-6490

April 18-20, 2014: Marvin Robbins Junior's Spring Turkey Hunting Camp

- Learn and get assistance calling and hunting wild turkeys, seminars, outdoor skill activities, camping, and food.
- Location: Happy Jack area, Units 6A, 5A, 5B
- Hosted by: National Wild Turkey Federation, Outdoor Experience 4 All, Arizona Bowhunters Association, Xtreme Predator Callers, Game and Fish
- Contact: Tim Denny, longbeardsaz@gmail.com

April 18-20, 2014: Marvin Robbins Junior's Spring Turkey Hunting Camp

- Learn and get assistance calling and hunting wild turkeys, seminars, outdoor skill activities, camping and food.
- Locations: Payson area, Colcord Ridge Campground, Units 23, 4A, 4B, 3C
- Hosted by: National Wild Turkey Federation, Arizona Elk Society, Phoenix Varmint Callers, Game and Fish
- Contact: Rich Williams, azgobbler60@gmail.com

April 19-21, 2014: Wallow Fire Turkey Science and Hunting Camp

- Learn and get assistance calling and hunting wild turkeys, wildfire and wildlife sciences, seminars, outdoor skill activities, camping, and food.
- Location: White Mountains area, Unit 1, 27
- Hosted by: Youth Outdoors Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Arizona Elk Society, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Game and Fish
- Information: www.youthoutdoorsunlimited.com